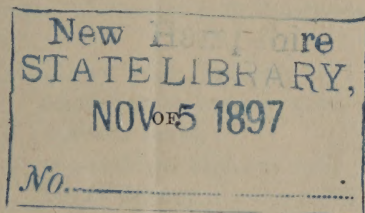


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R E P O R T S

OF THE

SELECTMEN AND OTHER TOWN OFFICERS



WASHINGTON, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR

ENDING MARCH 1, 1876.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*Town of Washington in account with Selectmen of
said Town,*

	DR.
To cash received of Henry Train, collector 1874,	\$1,822.53
amount state, county, town and school taxes,	4,933.16
non-resident highway tax,	291.47
James Barney, by error, 1873,	14.34
Silas Tandy, abated for 1873,	1.00
support of J. W. Manley,	3.00
support of county paupers,	172.27
savings bank tax,	447.93
literary fund,	74.82
rent of town hall,	1.50
school-house tax in Dist. No. 5,	35.00
school-house tax in Dist. No. 9,	30.00
dog tax,	55.00
John Smith, lots in cemetery,	12.50
John L. Safford, lots in cemetery,	16.50
abated tax for 1874,	4.93
interest on taxes,	6.80
Total,	\$7,922.75

CASH PAID ON NOTES.

	CR.
By cash paid Frances S. Lowell,	\$1,121.11
L. A. Mellen,	30.90
Silas Tandy,	498.70
Total,	\$1,650.71

Cash paid state tax,	\$928.00
county tax,	993.83
school districts,	899.81
J. F. Bailey, library expenses,	83.34
school-house tax in Dist. No. 9,	30.00
school-house tax in Dist. No. 5,	20.00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,954.98

SERVICES TOWN OFFICERS.

By cash paid collector and treasurer,	\$73.45
Edwin Smith, S. S. committee,	35.00
Gardner Millen, selectman,	75.50
Hiram Brockway, selectman,	60.75
Elbridge G. Benton, selectman,	65.53
N. A. Lull, town clerk,	26.79
Total,	<hr/> \$337.02

PAUPER EXPENSES.

By cash paid M. M. Hadley, for Alice Smith, 1874,	\$ 2.71
John W. Crane, for Mrs. Livermore,	78.53
J. Q. A. French, for Mrs. Livermore, 1874,	2.00
Jonathan C. Crane, for Jesse Crane	
and wife,	173.14
funeral expenses Jesse Crane,	20.25
A. A. Tandy, for Mrs. H. A. Severance	
and child,	58.78
Dr. Goodell, for Mrs. H. A. Severance,	5.00
J. S. Butler, " " " " "	9.48
J. K. P. Friend, " " " " "	9.53
W. D. Severance, " " " " "	9.71
A. F. Severance, " " " " "	3.90
G. W. Carr, " " " " "	1.50
sickness and burial of John Hutchins,	52.25
Hartwell Crane, for Moses Collins,	15.00
Dr. Goodell, for Moses Collins,	2.25
W. W. Hall, for Sarah Ware,	44.57

By cash paid Amos Thompson, for Mrs. Thompson,	12.00
S. A. Manley, for J. W. Manley,	64.00
J. L. Safford, for J. W. Manley,	12.00
Supply Barney, for affidavits,	4.00
John Smith,	.25
Gardner Millen, overseer,	25.83
Hiram Brockway, overseer,	13.25
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Total,	\$619.93
Paid by county,	\$172.27

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

District No. 1.

Highway tax, \$184.03.

Districts Nos. 2 and 3.

Highway tax, \$137.09.

Cash paid Hiram I. Hoyt and others,	\$22.32
Hiram I. Hoyt, bridge,	10.55
Geo. C. Crane,	13.29
Non-resident tax worked,	\$53.28

District No. 4.

Highway tax, \$107.18.

Cash paid M. H. Carr, plank,	10.40
Auren Peaslee, railing,	15.00

District No. 5.

Highway tax, \$298.70.

Cash paid M. H. Carr,	17.92
W. S. Woods,	2.00
E. G. Benton,	4.05
A. J. Roberts,	5.85
John McIlvin,	21.63

District No. 6.

Highway tax, \$69.77.

Cash paid F. P. Fletcher and others,	12.08
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District No. 7.

Highway tax,	\$108.26.	
Cash paid Amariah Crane and others,		31.22
C. S. Spaulding and others,		18.85
M. H. Carr, plank,		6.72
Wm. K. West,		2.37
Non-resident tax worked,	16.04	

District No. 8.

Highway tax,	\$30.74.	
Cash paid M. H. Dole, plank,		5.16

District No. 9.

Highway tax,	\$61.92.	
Cash paid M. H. Dole,		2.32
Non-resident tax worked,	17.40	

District No. 10.

Highway tax,	\$34.15.	
Cash paid Gardner Atwood,		11.39
Non-resident tax worked,	8.40	

District No. 11.

Highway tax,	\$39.77.	
Cash paid Gilman Bailey,		10.84
Horace Adams,		5.13
Non-resident tax worked,	2.70	

District No. 12.

Highway tax,	\$63.69.	
Cash paid James N. Gove and others,		16.07

District No. 13.

Highway tax,	\$59.04.	
Cash paid A. P. Howe and others,		18.41
A. Marshall and others,		23.05
A. M. Hardy,		8.10

Cash paid E. DeRoehn,	2.40
A. J. Barney,	3.45

District No. 14.

Highway tax,	\$34.51.	
Cash paid James Barney,		11.10
G. M. Wright and others,		8.17

District No. 15.

Highway tax,	\$135.03.	
Cash paid Dexter Ball and others,		13.20

District No. 16.

Highway tax,	\$50.76.	
Cash paid A. P. Wright,		6.00

District No. 17.

Highway tax,	\$39.23.	
Cash paid S. M. Farnsworth and others,		22.82
S. M. Farnsworth, bridge,		54.13
Geo. C. Friend, bridge,		29.57
Non-resident tax worked,	35.22	

District No. 18.

Highway tax,	\$102.43.	
Cash paid J. S. Farnsworth,		18.71
E. W. Brooks,		6.36
Wm. Farnsworth,		3.33
Non-resident tax worked,	9.18	

District No. 19.

Highway tax,	\$130.15.
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District No. 20.

Highway tax,	\$63.18.	
Cash paid Wm. W. Hall and others,		20.70
Non-resident tax worked,	17.10	

District No. 21.

Highway tax,	\$25.66.	
Cash paid A. O. Codman,		22.13
A. O. Codman,		16.23
Non-resident tax worked,	21.68	
Total,	\$181.00	\$553.02

We think there should be more economy practiced by highway surveyors in some of our districts; it would relieve our town treasury, and the traveling public would not suffer thereby.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Cash paid Wm. M. Sargent, printing reports, 1874,	\$16.50
A. S. Powers, damage by dogs,	3.00
John Wood, damage by dogs,	5.00
Carleton & Harvey, printing,	1.75
David White, damage on road,	4.00
Ruloph Bates, damage on road,	7.00
N. A. & E. A. Lull, board selectmen,	41.10
B. W. Sanborn, stationery,	6.50
discount on taxes, (5 per cent.)	155.43
collector, for notices,	1.50
expense, paying state tax,	3.00
postage, notifying non-residents,	1.50
taxes abated and suspended,	55.68
auditors,	4.00
Gardner Millen, cash paid,	5.25
N. A. Lull, treas., library fund,	2.00
J. L. Safford, repairs on town-house,	3.80
J. Q. A. French, certificates,	3.00
Total,	\$320.01

By cash in treasury,	\$1,000.00
Uncollected taxes reckoned as cash,	326.08
In treasury,	\$1,326.08

RECAPITULATION.

Selectmen,	Dr.
To amount received,	\$7,922.75
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By amount paid on notes,	\$1,650.71
state, county, school dist.	
and school-house tax,	
and library expense,	2,954.98
non-resident tax worked,	181.00
labor on highways,	533.02
pauper expenses,	619.93
town officers,	337.02
miscellaneous expenses,	320.01
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Amount paid in orders,	6,596.67
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Deducted from amount received, leaves	\$1,326.08
Claims against the town—	
By note to John Smith,	\$957.90
Tubbs Union Academy,	1,146.07
School District No. 1,	260.75
School fund,	527.50
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	\$2,892.22
Assets—	
Erastus Wilson's note,	\$335.07
Cash in treasury,	1,326.08
Jesse Crane farm,	350.00
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	\$2,011.15
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Indebtedness March 1st, 1876,	\$881.07
Indebtedness March 1, 1875, was	\$2,241.33
Indebtedness March 1, 1876, is	881.07
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Reduction of debt the past year,	\$1,360.26

The selectmen respectfully recommend the town to raise, for the ensuing year, in addition to the amount required by law, the following sums :

To defray town charges,	\$1,500.00
For highways and bridges,	2,000.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GARDNER MILLEN,	} Selectmen of Washington.
HIRAM BROCKWAY,	
ELBRIDGE G. BENTON,	

March 1st, 1876.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned, chosen to audit the accounts of the selectmen for the past year, have attended to that duty, and report as follows :

We find on examination of the books of said selectmen, that they have had at their disposal the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$7,922.75), and that they have paid out on account of the town, the sum of six thousand five hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-seven cents (\$6,596.67), leaving a balance in the treasury of one thousand three hundred and twenty-six dollars and eight cents (\$1,326.08). The state and county taxes have been duly paid, and the school districts have severally received their proportions of the school and school-house taxes. We further report that we find their accounts correctly cast, and proper vouchers on file for all money paid by them.

LEVI HARTON,
ALONZO MARSHALL,

Auditors.

Washington, March 1st, 1876.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee charges itself with the following sums, to wit: DR.

To interest on library fund, including premium on coupons,	\$164.70
money in the treasury,	1.84
four books sold (duplicates),	3.55
finer collected,	2.50
money from the town,	83.34
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Total,	\$255.93
	CR.

By cash paid librarian for the year ending Mar. 1, 1876,	\$39.00
A. P. Wright, for rent from May 1, 1875,	
to March 1, 1876,	16.67
J. F. Bailey,	14.79
S. W. Hurd,	11.07
J. H. Newman,	1.81
for incidentals,	1.16
for books,	165.20
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Total,	\$249.70

Leaving a balance in committee's hands of \$6.23

No. of books added to library the past year,	118
books now in library,	962
deliveries in the year 1875,	3,345

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. BAILEY,	}	Library committee of Washington.
J. HENRY NEWMAN,		
S. W. HURD,		

March 1, 1876.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

I have charged myself with the following sums :

To balance in the treasury Feb. 25, 1875,	\$1,822.53
received from the selectmen,	221.11
state, the savings bank tax,	447.93
literary fund money,	74.82
collector,	3,462.75
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Total,	\$6,029.14

CONTRA CREDIT.

By cash paid on orders drawn by the selectmen at different times,	\$4,703.06
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Balance in my hands in the favor of the town,	\$1,326.08

HENRY TRAIN,

Treasurer.

Washington, March 1, 1876.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee has the pleasure of presenting the following report of schools in the town for the past year :

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The first two terms were taught by Miss Lucy F. Morse. Miss Morse has a very pleasant and happy way of imparting knowledge to her pupils, which renders her very successful as a teacher. Also having an affectionate way, she readily gains the respect of her scholars. The district was highly fortunate in securing her services.

The third or winter term was taught by Mr. James M. Perkins. Your committee was unable to be present at the close of the school, and hence cannot speak of the success and progress made as he otherwise might. But have heard no complaint and trust the school was one of profit.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

This single term of school was under the tuition of Miss Olive C. Muzzey. Though the school was small, yet good progress was made. The closing examination was highly satisfactory and indicative of a good teacher.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This school had but one term, and was taught by Miss E. Seaman. Miss Seaman is an excellent teacher; she spared no pains to make it a success. The closing exercises of the term showed the labor put forth was not in vain. Further remarks not necessary—schools are a better comment than what I can give.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

This district had two terms of school, under the care of Miss Carrie L. Greenleaf. The school evinced much painstaking on the part of the teacher. The closing examination was good and showed that the instruction was thorough and beneficial.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The first term in this district was taught by Miss Hannah M. Eaton. The teacher seemed to try to make the school a success. We think the effort was not lost, nor did the school end without profit.

The other two terms were under the instruction of Miss Myra E. McIlvin. Miss McIlvin succeeded well the first term of her school, but near the close of her second one, there were some things that took place that were unfortunate for her and also the scholars. While some would call her too severe in keeping good order, and unwise in some things, yet we hope it may be overruled to the good of all concerned.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Miss L. Newman, teacher. This district had only one term during the year. The scholars showed interest in their studies and the teacher thoroughness in instructing them.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First term taught by Miss Myna A. Tourne. It was her first effort at teaching, yet with very good success.

The second term, Miss E. J. Cross, teacher. Although the school was very small, yet we think it was a profitable one.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Miss Stella B. Simonds, teacher. Miss Simonds seemed to labor with interest, and untiringly for the welfare of her pupils, and much benefit was derived from the effort made.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Teacher, Alzira E. Gregg. Good order and commendable diligence and a desire to learn by the scholars, were among some of the marked characteristics of this school.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Nellie E. Proctor, teacher. This was her first trial at teaching, yet she did well and gave good satisfaction. She possesses qualities which, by a little more experience, will make her a very useful and successful teacher.

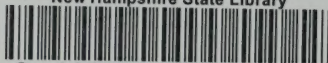
The schools in town have been generally prosperous. Good feeling in most of the schools has subsisted between scholars and teachers. Some of the schools have been largely visited by parents and others. We would encourage all such acts and hope it may become a more general feature in all our schools.

We would call the attention of prudential committees to the matter of hiring teachers; that something besides a certificate from the superintendent is necessary to make a good teacher. One may be able to pass examination and answer the usual questions and yet fail to be a successful teacher. My advice would be not to employ strangers without learning of their success elsewhere.

E. SMITH, School Committee.

March 1st, 1876.

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